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## THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--26 APRIL 1962

## 1. TEST REACTIONS:

A. WORLD REACTION THUS FAR IS RUNNING TRUE TO PREDICTED FORM. THERE WERE OFFICIAL PROTESTS FROM BRAZIL AND FROM JAPAN, WHERE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE EXPECTED ON A RISING SCALE OVER THE WEEK END, AND MILD DISAPPROVAL WAS REGISTERED IN VARIOUS NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. THE WEST EUROPEAN PRESS IS GENERALLY BACKING THE RESUMPTION AS AN UNAVOIDABLE NECESSITY. THE BLOC IS SPEAKING IN A SINGLE VOICE OF CONDEMNATION.

B. THE SOVIETS AT GENEVA HAVE BEEN CANVASSING NEUTRALIST REACTION TO THE IDEA OF INVOKING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROTEST US TESTING.

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## 2. ARGENTINA:

YESTERDAY'S ACTION BY GUIDO, BARRING PERONISTS FROM CONGRESS AND POSTPONING A NEW PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION UNTIL OCTOBER 1963, LEAVES LITTLE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FABRIC INTACT. THE STEP CAME AFTER THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES REFUSED TO GIVE LEGISLATIVE SANCTION TO THE MILITARY'S DEMANDS. THE PERONISTAS ARE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS THEIR REACTION IN VIOLENT MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS. SECURITY FORCES, WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSING DOWN PERONIST CENTERS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, HAVE NOW BEGUN THE ARREST OF COMMUNISTS AND PRO-COMMUNISTS IN AN EFFORT TO CHOK OFF A CONCERTED MOVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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3. SOVIET EARTH SATELLITE:

A SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHED FROM TYURATAM [REDACTED] HAS 50X1  
EVIDENTLY ACHIEVED ORBIT. IT IS PROBABLY UNMANNED BUT THERE ARE  
SOME INDICATIONS THAT A RECOVERY MAY BE INTENDED. [REDACTED]

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4. PORTUGUESE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS:

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS, LED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY WITH AN  
ASSIST FROM UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, ARE BEING LAID ON FOR LISBON.  
STRIKES BY WORKERS AT SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL CENTERS ARE ALSO EX-  
PECTED. [REDACTED] 50X1

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5. ALGERIAN REBEL POLITICS:

INTERNAL DISSENSION PROMISES TO MARK THE MEETING OF THE  
PROVISIONAL ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT NOW UNDER WAY IN TUNIS. VICE  
PREMIER BEN BELLA, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF  
WITH THE FRANCOPHOBE MILITARY ARM OF THE REBEL MOVEMENT, IS RANGED  
AGAINST THE LESS MILITANT POLITICAL LEADERS WHO NEGOTIATED THE  
CEASE FIRE WHILE HE WAS IMPRISONED IN FRANCE.

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6. LAOS:

A. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS APPEAR TO BE TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE THEIR FOOTING IN NORTHERN LAOS. LAOTIAN REBEL COMMUNICATIONS DISCLOSE EFFORTS BY CHINESE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING AID AND DIRECTION. MEANWHILE, THE CHINESE ARE PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE ALL-WEATHER ROAD CONNECTING PHONG SALY WITH YUNNAN PROVINCE. [REDACTED]

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B. PHOUMI AND BOUN OUM HAVE BEGUN THEIR ROUND OF VISITS TO CONGENIAL CAPITALS WHICH WILL KEEP THEM OUT OF VIENTIANE UNTIL ABOUT MAY 10. AS THE LAOTIAN DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BANGKOK, THE THAI GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT OF QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR A SOUVANNA COALITION. "THE UNITED STATES HAS CONFIRMED THAT IT IS THE BEST SOLUTION," THE STATEMENT SAID.

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7. WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--25 APRIL 1962:

ON THE BASIS OF FINDINGS BY ITS WATCH COMMITTEE, THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

NO SINO-SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY INTENDS DELIBERATELY TO INITIATE DIRECT MILITARY ACTION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

## 8. NOTES:

A. IN GUATEMALA, PRESIDENT YDIGORAS IS STILL MEETING WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS. HE CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT THE PROMISE OF LIBERALIZATION OF HIS REGIME, BUT NO CONCRETE AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED.

C. KRISHNA MENON IS DUE IN NEW YORK TOMORROW TO ARGUE INDIA'S CASE ON KASHMIR BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IF HE IS IN CHARACTER, HE CAN ALSO BE COUNTED ON TO MAKE SOME ABRASIVE COMMENTS ABOUT US TESTING.

D. GOVERNOR WILLIAMS REPORTS THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS 3-DAY VISIT TO GUINEA TO BE THE INDICATIONS THAT CONAKRY WANTS TO OPEN THE DOOR TO INCREASED COOPERATION.

E. A GROUP OF DISSIDENT JUNIOR OFFICERS IN THE JORDANIAN ARMY ARE ADDING A NEW STRAND TO THE NETWORK OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST KING HUSAYN.

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